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# KRS water level touches 100 ft.

***A view of the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Reservoir last evening.*** *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Mysuru, July 8 (RK&BCT)- Thanks to copious rains in the catchment areas of Kodagu, water level at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya District has reached the 100 feet mark. According to statistics provided by Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL), Dam has recorded an inflow of 8,972 cusecs and an outflow of 453 cusecs. Last year, on July 8, the Dam recorded 83.65 feet of water. Last year, there was an inflow of 12,039 cusecs and an outflow of 361 cusecs. At present, the live capacity of the Dam is 23.071 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet). It has been raining heavily in South Karnataka including Kodagu, Hassan, Mysuru and Mandya.

Last year, the Dam had reached the 100 feet mark only in August and this year, CNNL officials are expecting the reservoir to be full to the brim by the end of July and or in the first week of August. In 2018, the reservoir level had reached the 100-feet mark as early as the second week of June.

Indian Meteorological Department, Bengaluru and Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) have predicted heavy rains in the catchment areas till next week. As a result, the inflow will touch the 10,000 level and could go above that, officials said.

**(See KRS on page 7)**

# Red Alert in Kodagu

## District Administration prepares for monsoon onslaught

Madikeri, July 8 (BCT&PS)- A Red Alert has been sounded in Kodagu as heavy to very heavy rains are expected in the next two days. The district has been receiving heavy rains since the last three days and there have been reports of landslides and rivers overflowing.

Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy, who heads the District Disaster Management Authority, issued the Red Alert this morrning and has asked people living in hilly areas to move to plains and be watchful about landslides.

Water-level at Triveni Sangam in Bhagamandala is steadily rising following heavy rains and the road connecting Napoklu from Bhagamandala is flooded.

Bhagamandala had recorded 135 mm rain till 8 am yesterday. Several minor landslides have been reported on Madikeri-Bhagamandala route and also near Madikeri Akashvani.

Traffic on Bhagamandala-Talacauvery Road was disrupted yesterday following a landslide. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) team has now restored the road after clearing the rubble and making way for vehicle movement.

**In case of any rain-related emergencies, public can seek assistance by calling Kodagu District Control Room on Ph: 08272-221077 or 85500-01077 (WhatsApp number).**

## Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

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| Today's Positive cases | : | 61 |
| **Majority of people turning COVID-positive are from city areas** | | |
| Cumulative POSITIVE cases | : | 591 |
| Total ACTIVE cases | : | 271 |
| Persons discharged | : | 308 |
| Deaths | : | 12 |

Update: July 8, 2020, 2 pm

# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**
Mysuru, Wednesday 8th July 2020


## 'Print media functioning with a sense of social responsibility'

Mysuru, July 8 (RKB&SD)- Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Professor Dr. Niranjan Vanalli has opined that print media is functioning with a sense of social responsibility and public service during the present Coronavirus crisis.

He was speaking at a webinar on Monday organised by the Department of Studies (DoS) in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore (UoM) in association with Field Outreach Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Mysuru, on the topic 'Positive Reporting in Media and Fact Check Efforts during COVID-19.'

"Instead of reassuring and educating general public at this crisis hour, electronic media is creating a sense of fear and panic in the minds of general public for TRP and is compromising its professional ethics. Compared to electronic media, print media has been functioning in a more sensible and responsible way," he observed.

Journalist Ramesh Uthappa said, "Newspapers are trying to instil a sense of positive attitude, optimism and constructive motivation by publishing stories of persons who have successfully fought the Coronavirus battle and recovered from infection. We should stay away from those spreading negativity."

Dr. C.K. Puttaswamy, Professor and Chairman, DoS in Journalism and Mass Communication, said, "A number of media houses are functioning without basic infrastructure amidst this pandemic. Some of them are facing economic and financial hardships. Senior journalists have become the latest victims of layoffs and newer ones are managing the show. How can we expect integrity and ethical behaviour in such a situation?"

Dr. T.C. Poornima, Deputy Director, Field Outreach Bureau, Mysuru; Dr. M.S. Sapna, Assistant Professor of Journalism, UoM; Dr. T. Muddesh of Tumkur University Journalism Department; Dr. Rashmi, Journalism Professor from Hassan; Dr. Prashant Malur of Manipal University; Raghavendra Deshapande of Hampi Kannada Univerisity; Dr. Geetha of SDM College; A.P. Ramesh, Director of JSS Jan Shikshan Samsthan; Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi and others attended the webinar.

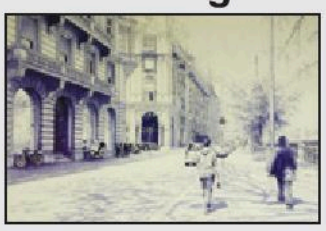
## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, India's 'Plan Man' and the architect of the country's statistical system, conducted a large-scale sample survey of Bengal's famine-ravaged villages between July 1944 and February 1945 for causal analysis, and to assess the extent of the disaster and an estimate of the number of people affected. The planning, preparations, challenges and findings of the survey are documented in an article in Sankhyā, and in another article in The Asiatic Review, both published in 1946, among others. What would Mahalanobis have done in this situation? Would he have devised some instrument, like crop-cutting concentric circles, in addition to using masks and sanitisers and sending investigators for a socio-economic survey? Or would he have used different sorts of secondary data instead? It's difficult to guess. Who knows, he might have efficiently churned 'big data' for this — he could certainly have done a smarter job than most of the present-day big data analysts. Note that Mahalanobis never shied away from technology, whether in bringing statistical technology through volumes of Biometrika in his voyage from England, or even bringing computers to India. The Mahalanobis-led Indian Statistical Institute procured India's first computer in 1956 and the second in 1959. And unfortunately, there's no one to fill Mahalanobis' shoes, even about half a century after his demise.***

*— Atanu Biswas in The Hindu*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Ukrainian-born artist's realistic ballpoint pen drawings



Odessa: Wielding the common writing tool to create stunning works of art that sometimes rival photographs in terms of realism, Andrey Poletaev, a master of the ballpoint pen drawings is grabbing the attention of many on the internet.

Considered as one of the world's premier ballpoint pen artist and looking at Ukrainian-born artist Andrey Poletaev's exquisite works of art, it's easy to see why. Although he doesn't like to be categorised as a hyperrealist artist, his expertly drawn city landscapes and portraits are incredibly realistic to the point where they often get mistaken for photographs. To achieve this amazing level of realism in his ballpoint pen artworks, Poletaev applies up to twenty layers of pen ink on the canvas, and spends hundreds of hours on a single art piece.

### Author lets mushrooms eat his book, then eats them

England: When it comes to promoting a book on mushrooms, no one will top biologist Merlin Sheldrake's marketing campaign. Merlin Sheldrake's 'Entangled Life' on How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds, and Shape Our Future is an intriguing book on the fascinating life of various fungi, written by biologist Merlin Sheldrake. But at the end of the day, it's still just a book on mushrooms. But Sheldrake came up with an ingenious PR campaign to promote his book that drew the attention. He let his book on mushrooms be devoured by pleurotus mushrooms and then ate those mushrooms himself.

Pleurotus feasts on anything from cigarette butts and crude oil, to nematode worms. After letting pleurotus feast on his book for a couple of weeks, Sheldrake harvested the mushrooms, cooked them and ate them, which technically allowed him to eat his own words.

## HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

### How much public reaction has there been to Olestra?

The FDA has received over 20,000 complaints regarding Olestra, the fast substitute. Complaints have ranged from diarrhoea and stomach cramps to dizziness and vomiting. Olestra is found in fat-free pringles.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

## Final year degree exams must be conducted by Sept. end: UGC

New Delhi, July 8- Final year degree examinations may be postponed until the end of September, but must be conducted in either online or offline mode, the University Grants Commission (UGC) decided on Monday. Students who are unable to appear for these exams will be given the opportunity to appear for special examinations which will be conducted later, according to an official statement.

The Home Ministry has also given its approval for the conduct of the examinations in a letter to the Ministry of Human Resources Development, and directed that final term exams must be "compulsorily conducted" as per UGC guidelines.

Final year students with backlogs must also be evaluated through online or offline examinations. The rules for intermediate semesters remain unchanged, meaning that either internal assessment or examinations may be conducted.

While noting the importance of health, safety and fair opportunity for students, UGC said it was "very crucial to ensure academic credibility, career opportunities and future progress of students globally."

## Entries invited for State-level book selection by Central Library

Mysuru, July 8- Applications have been invited from writers and publishers to select various categories of books under the Single Window Scheme.

Books first published in the year 2020 — Literature, Competitive exam, Textbook, Contemporary and Children's Literature among others — are eligible to apply.

As the entry of public to the State Central Library in Cubbon Park, Bengaluru, is banned due to COVID-19, copyright of the book can be done at the City Central Library in Hampinagar, Bengaluru, West Zone, before July 30.

A copy of the book with copyright done, should be submitted to the Public Library at Visvesvaraya Tower in Bengaluru before July 31.

For details, contact Ph: 080-22864990 or 22867358 or Mysuru District Central Library on Ph: 0821-2425875 or 2425975, according to a press release from the Mysuru District Central Library Deputy Director B. Manjunath.

## Really...?

- *The average shower temperature is 38C (101F).*
- *An elephants ears are used to regulate body temperature.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Why did the boy feel warm on his birthday? Because people kept toasting him!***

## Today's Currency Rate

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| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 74.99 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 94.17 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 20.42 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 84.55 |

VOICE OF THE READER

# Capturing traffic rules violators

Sir,

The decision of Mysuru City Traffic Police to commence a 'Photo Clicking Drive" ***(Now Traffic Police will click photos of traffic violations on mobile phones*** in *SOM* dated July 6) is really commendable.

Right under the nose of the Traffic Police, some motorists (it is observed that a violator by default violates multiple traffic rules) violate all the traffic rules and these violators are not at all bothered or scared about the presence of the Traffic Police in the vicinity.

Traffic Police posted at different locations are the best persons to capture the wrong doings of the motorists. They get a better view of the traffic violations. By clicking the photos by the Police, number of traffic rules violations can definitely be brought down.

At present most of the traffic cops sit under the traffic umbrella in a relaxed mood or stand at some discreet points attending to the calls in their mobile phones, unmindful of the traffic rules violations. By awarding weekly prizes to the Police Constables who click highest number of traffic violation photos, probably they will become more energised and pro-active.

It may not be out of context if I add that in my letter ***"Public Eye and the Traffic Police"*** appearing in *Star of Mysore* dated 1st October 2019, I had suggested this idea of traffic cops shooting the photos of the traffic rules violators, to reduce the number of violations.

**—K. Chandrahas**

Mysuru
7.7.2020

# Installation Ceremony of Lions Club of Mysore Heritage City

***The Installation Ceremony of Ln. R. Ashwath Kumar as President of Lions Club of Mysore Heritage City and his team for the Lionistic Year 2020-21 was held at a private hotel in city recently. Ln. Dr. Sreevidhya, 2nd Vice-District Governor Elect, District 317A, was the Installing Officer. Seen are*** *(from left)* ***Ln. Krishna, Secretary, Ln. Vijay Kumar, Treasurer, Ln. Shashi Kumar, Ln. Dr. Sreevidhya, Ln. Bhagyalakshmi, Ln. Ashwath Kumar, Ln. Jaiprakash, Past District Governor, Ln. Shobharanj, Ln. Jaikumar, Region Chairman, Ln. Raju, Zone Chairman; (standing behind) Ln. Ananthramu, Vice-President.***

# US new visa rules for foreign students to hit Indians badly

New York, July 8- In a move that will adversely impact hundreds of thousands of Indian students, the US immigration authority has announced that foreign students will have to leave the country or risk deportation if their Universities switch to online-only classes in this fall semester due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) said in a press release on Monday that for the fall 2020 semester students attending schools operating entirely online may not take a full online course load and remain in the US.

"The US Department of State will not issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programmes that are fully online for the fall semester nor will US Customs and Border Protection permit these students to enter the United States," the release said referring to the September-December semester.

The agency suggested that students currently enrolled in the US consider other measures, like transferring to schools with in-person instruction.

International students enrolled in academic programmes at US Universities and Colleges study on an F-1 visa and those enrolled in technical programmes at vocational or other recognised non-academic institutions, other than a language training programme come to the US on an M-1 visa.

India sent the largest number of students (2,51,290) to the US after China (4,78,732) in 2017 and 2018, according to the latest Student and Exchange Visitor Programme (SEVP) 'SEVIS by the Numbers Report' 2018. The number of students from India increased from 2017 to 2018 by 4,157.

# New team of ICAI Mysore Chapter

***Ashok Kumar Purushothaman Trinesha Chengappa***

Mysuru, July 8- The following members were elected to the Managing Committee of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysore Chapter, for the year 2020 - 2021:

CMA M. Ashok Kumar - Chairman; CMA R. Purushothaman - Vice-Chairman; CMA T.R. Trinesha - Secretary; CMA M.B. Chengappa - Treasurer; CMA A.G. Venkatesha, CMA Ashok Kumar Shetty and CMA N.R. Desai - Managing Committee Members, according to a press release.

# CBSE cuts syllabus of Classes 9 to 12 by one-third

New Delhi, July 8- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has slashed the syllabi for Classes 9 to 12 by one third for the 2020-21 academic year as the country grapples with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Considering the importance of learning achievement, it has been decided to rationalise syllabus up to 30 per cent by retaining core concepts," Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal announced yesterday.

A CBSE statement said that the revision of the syllabi was a measure taken due to the extraordinary situation prevailing in the country and in different parts of the world. It said the prevailing situation had resulted in the loss of classroom teaching due to the closure of schools.

"The heads of schools and teachers may ensure that the topics that have been reduced are also explained to the students to the extent required to connect different topics," the CBSE said.

However, the reduced syllabus will not be part of the topics for internal assessment and the year-end Board examination, the CBSE said. The changes in the syllabi have been finalised by the respective Course Committees with the approval of the Curriculum Committee and the Governing Body of the Board.

The Home Ministry guidelines have barred schools from re-opening till July 31. However, schools do not expect to reopen at least until October as the COVID-19 outbreak showed no signs of abating.

# Virtual interaction with World's Youngest Head Master tomorrow

Mysuru, July 8- Learners PU College, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, has organised a live interactive session with World's Youngest Head Master Babar Ali on July 9 from 10 am to 11 am.

The Biography of Babar Ali has been included in the Pre-University Standard English text book in Karnataka published by the State Government. The Biography of Babar has also been included as part of lesson in CBSE 10th Standard.

He became the HM of a School in West Bengal at the young age of 16. He started teaching when he was 9 years and his school was institutionalised in 2002 with the strength of 8 students. He is the pioneer of spreading literacy and education.

Children of his age were working as mechanics, day labourers, grass cutters and livestock herders and girls working as maid servants, cooks, dish washers and the like. Babar Ali wanted to change this. With this

***Head Master Babar Ali***

end in view, he started his afternoon school 'Ananda Shikshaniketan' for such under privileged children, while he himself was a school student.

He is showered with several national and international awards which undoubtedly speak about the inspiring personality and achievements.

Students of High School and PU Colleges, Principals/HMs, teachers and parents are invited for this live interactive session. For free registration, send an SMS/ WhatsApp with student name and class to 99169-33202 or 99163-97939 or e-mail to *learnerspuc@gmail.com,* according to a press release.

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# District Administration takes over defunct Vikram Hospital in city

## • Reserves facility to provide COVID treatment for VIPs, officials; • Instructs MUDA to take up cleaning works; • Authority to complete task in three days

*Vikram Jeshta Hospital on Vivekanada Road in Yadavagiri.*

*Cleaning work in progress at the Hospital which will be reserved for COVID treatment.*

Mysuru, July 8 (RK&KS)- Vikram Jeshta Hospital on Vivekanada Road in Yadavagiri, which is being cleaned by the staff of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) on directions from the Deputy Commissioner (DC) since yesterday, will be reserved to provide COVID treatment for VIPs and officials and the hospital will be fully readied in three days.

The District Administration, which has taken the hospital into their possession, had issued directions to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh to get the defunct hospital cleaned following which the process of cleaning the hospital and repair of medical equipment is being undertaken.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. Natesh said that, as the hospital is closed since about three years, most of the medical equipment including ventilators at ICU, ECG devices and also the lifts, generators, centralised medical gas supply system, power supply system, air conditioners and other equipment have stopped working.

MUDA Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical), along with two Junior Engineers (JEs), is supervising the cleaning and repair works for which 50 workers are being utilised, he said and added that leakages in the medical gas supplying pipeline are being identified and repair works are being taken up for which technicians from Bengaluru are summoned.

The team of technicians, who arrived from Bengaluru yesterday, were going through the medical gas supplying pipeline this morning to check for leakages and are also undertaking repairs of the defunct ventilators and other ICU equipment, Dr. Natesh said.

Continuing, the MUDA Commissioner said that spraying of disinfectant would be taken up in a day or two and added that the hospital would be fully readied in three days.

*Cleaning and servicing of equipment being taken up at Vikram Jeshta Hospital.*

### KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

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| Today | 100.33 ft |
| Yesterday | 99.40 ft |
| Inflow | 8,972 cusecs |
| Outflow | 453 cusecs |

### Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

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| Today | 2,267.88 ft |
| Inflow | 11,324 cusecs |
| Outflow | 1,500 cusecs |

### Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

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| Today | 2,847.32 ft |
| Inflow | 3,968 cusecs |
| Outflow | 30 cusecs |

**Non-adherence to instructions of Health Department**

# Licences of 110 medical stores cancelled in State including four in Mysuru

Mysuru, July 8 (SBD&KS)- Four medical stores in city are among 110 medical stores in the State, whose licenses have been cancelled for not following the instructions of the Health Department.

The Health Department had issued instructions to collect the details of those purchasing cold, cough and fever drugs and upload the details to a designated web portal, which would help identify Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) patients.

The Drugs Controller Department officials had also provided the User ID and Password to every medical store in the State besides providing training to the medical staff on uploading the details.

But the officials of the Drugs Controller Department, who conducted surprise checks on medical stores across the State, found many medical stores violating the instructions.

The officials themselves collected the details of customers purchasing cold, cough and fever drugs and have uploaded the details to the designated web portal and suspended licenses of 110 medical stores in the State including four in Mysuru district, 70 in Kalaburagi district, four in Bidar district, 15 in Vijayapura district, nine in Raichur district and five medical stores in Bagalkot district, according to a press release from Additional Drugs Controller Amaresh Tumbagi.

# Youth's body brought home from Malaysia seven months after death

Mysuru, July 8 (BCT)- Seven months after he drowned in a lake in Malaysia, the body of Sumanth, a native of Periyapatna, was brought to his village yesterday and the last rites were performed by tearful relatives. The family had lost a young breadwinner who had gone to Malaysia to earn a living.

Deceased Sumanth

File photo of the grieving family

Sumanth (22) died on December 15 last year under mysterious circumstances and his remains were brought to India, thanks to the efforts by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha who left no stone unturned to help the family. Due to a lot of technical issues and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the body could not be brought earlier.

The mortal remains arrived at Tiruchirapalli International Airport in Tamil Nadu on Monday due to the efforts of the Indian High Commission and were brought to Boodithittu in Periyapatna yesterday.

Sumanth, son of Shobha-Venkatesh couple, had gone to Malaysia to earn some money to support his family. The family depended on agriculture and Sumanth's mother is a tailor. Sumanth secured a diploma and managed to secure a job in Malaysia through a job network agency. His job was in a goods ship in that country. The family got information that Sumanth drowned in a river near Batang Lebaan on Dec. 15.

**'My son was cheated'**

Sumanth's mother Shobha said that the Centre, Pratap Simha and his Personal Secretary in New Delhi Pavan Kumar and the Indian High Commission in Malaysia helped the family in getting the body. "The local MLAs in Tiruchirapalli arranged ambulance for the body to reach Periyapatna. My son was cheated on a foreign soil and no parent must face this plight," she added.

Sumanth drowned in the river and his body was fished out in a decomposed state. The Indian High Commission in Malaysia was contacted through Pratap Simha's good offices.

Parents had paid Rs. 4.5 lakh to a Gujarat-based agent Manish Patel for Sumanth to get the job in Malaysia. The agency had assured a monthly salary of Rs. 70,000 but when Sumanth joined the work, he was paid only Rs. 18,000, the family had alleged. Sumanth was promised a job in an oil tanker company but was forced to work on a sand dredging boat.

His body too was found near a sand barge.

# Traders of Hunsur, Hassan go in for self-imposed lockdown

Hunsur/ Hassan, July 8- With COVID-19 (Coronavirus) spreading rapidly and increase in COVID positive cases, the traders of Hunsur and Hassan, who held a meeting with the public at their respective places recently, have decided to close the shops in the afternoons.

According to the decision taken at the meetings, the traders of Hunsur will close their shops from 3 pm to 7 am, the traders of Hassan have decided to close their shops from 2 pm to 6 am.

MLA H.P. Manjunath, who chaired the meeting in Hunsur, decided to impose certain conditions to prevent the spread of the deadly virus and accordingly, it is mandatory for everyone to wear face masks and traders would be closing their shops from 3 pm.

Also, people are asked not to move around unnecessarily failing which fines would be imposed on such persons and a fine of Rs. 5,000 would be imposed on traders who do not close in the stipulated time.

**Complete lockdown on Saturday, Sunday in Hassan:** Meanwhile, the traders and businessmen in Hassan have decided to go for a self-imposed lockdown from today (July 7).

From today, the shops will remain open from 6 am to 2 pm and on Saturday and Sunday, it would be a complete lockdown, according to the decision taken in the meeting and only shops selling essential commodities would be opened, according to MLA Preetham Gowda, who has urged the public to co-operate.

# July 16 to 27: Most likely dates of first PU supplementary exams

Bengaluru, July 8- First PUC supplementary exams will be held, in all likelihood, from July 16 to 27, amid growing Coronavirus cases in Bengaluru.

Regarding PUC supplementary examination, Karnataka Pre-University Education Department is expected to make a formal announcement in the very near future. According to reports, PU Board is about to give strict instructions to colleges to adhere to following safety precautions:

- To maintain social distancing in examination centres.
- To sanitise exam hall as soon as each examination is over.
- All students should undergo thermal screening before exam.
- All students should wear masks.
- All students should use sanitiser without fail.
- Students should not unnecessarily congregate in the vicinity of examination centres.
- Colleges should make proper seating arrangements for students to maintain social distancing.
- All necessary safety/ precautionary measures should be taken without fail.
- Parents should not be allowed to congregate near the exam centres.

In addition to above, for those students who are suffering from any illnesses and those who are residing in cantonment zones, proper seating arrangements will be made so that they will write exams in separate exam halls.

With all these safety measures, PU Board is mulling on completing PU supplementary exams before July 27.

# Unidentified man injured in road accident

Mysuru, July 8 (KS)- An unidentified man, who was crossing the road, has been seriously injured, when a speeding vehicle hit him on July 5 in city.

The unidentified man, who suffered serious injuries on his head and face, has been admitted to K.R. Hospital in city.

He is aged between 45 and 50 years, 5 ft. tall, normal built and was wearing a parrot green coloured shirt.

The kith and kin of the unidentified injured person, may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector, Mysuru South Police Station.

# Woman goes missing

Mysuru, July 8- A 45-year-old woman has gone missing since July 3 at 8 am from Ramabainagar in city.

The missing woman, identified as Susheela, is 4.4 ft. tall, oily red complexioned, well built, round faced and was wearing a saffron coloured saree, blue coloured blouse and mangalasutra at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or call the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release from the Sub-Inspector, Mysuru South Police Station.

# Gold chain snatched at Madhuvana Layout

Mysuru, July 8 (YDS&KS)- Bike borne chain snatchers have struck at Madhuvana Layout in Srirampura 2nd Stage yesterday and this time, they have snatched a 60 grams gold chain from a woman, who was walking towards her home.

The woman, who lost her gold chain, is Gayathri Devi, a resident of Madhuvana Layout. Gayathri Devi was walking towards her home last evening and when she was nearing the cross road, two miscreants on a scooter yanked off her gold chain and sped away.

A case has been registered at Kuvempunagar Police Station.

# Hoteliers seek MyMUL support

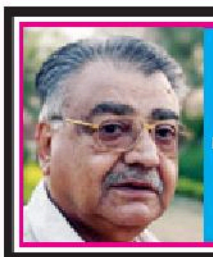
Mysuru, July 8 (RKB&SD)- Hoteliers and allied businessman, related to the food and hospitality sector, have sought the support of Mysore-Chamarajanagar District Cooperative Milk Producers Societies Union Limited (MyMUL) for their survival.

C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association, along with other office-bearers, met Managing Director of MyMUL D. Ashok yesterday and presented a memorandum, seeking support.

Narayanagowda said, "The food, hotel and hospitality sector in Mysuru largely depends on travel and tourism. There are 1,500 hotels, restaurants, bakeries and sweet stalls in Mysuru and mostly, they buy Nandini and other brand of products of MyMUL, supporting the dairy sector and farmers."

"All hoteliers, bakery owners and sweet stall owners here, are incurring huge loss due to the prevailing COVID situation. Bangalore Milk Union or Bangalore Urban, Rural and Ramanagara District Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Limited (BAMUL) is offering one litre of milk free, with one crate of milk packets. MyMUL can support the hotels in Mysuru with a similar offer," he said.

Association office-bearers Mahesh Kamath, Ravi Shastry, Subramanya Tanthri and Raghavedra Tanthri were also present.



# Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

# Re-visiting Shashi Tharoor's advice on India-China border dispute

I am no politician, yet in a democracy every citizen with a voting right is a politician. After all, he has chosen his Government. This is the simple reason I ventured to contemplate on what was happening in Ladakh at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between our forces and that of China. Thank God, the Parliament is not in Session...

William Shakespeare famously spoke about the man's helplessness before, let me say, fate. In the play *'Hamlet,'* a character bemoans, *"When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions."*

Our country, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and we the people seem to be facing the same kind of situation Shakespeare spoke of in the play *'Hamlet.'* In the midst of COVID-19 refusing to go away, rather surging in numbers, the consequent economic meltdown, fear of an uncertain future, we are faced with the border clashes with China thus compounding our difficulties.

**I wonder if China does not feel "sorrow" despite having similar difficulties, rather worse with Hong Kong on the boil.** But China being a Communist country, with one-party rule, a totalitarian country with no opposition and no citizen allowed to ask questions like in our democratic country, can easily ignore the world opinion, loss of human lives and economic meltdown. Therefore, China, without being questioned by its people unlike in our country, can engage itself in a **geo-political game** with India and hope to win.

**India too can hope to win in this geo-political game, in my humble opinion, only if, as a democracy, every citizen and every political leader cutting across party-lines, resolves, like the Englishman during World War II, who asserted "Right or Wrong, My Country" and stands firmly behind the ruling Government without striking a discordant note or making demoralising statements. England as a democracy followed this patriotic ideal. Democracy won. Dictator lost. Then why not India win?**

*Narendra Modi*

*Dr. Shashi Tharoor*

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Be that as it may, after our PM called an all-party meeting to discuss the Ladakh situation and martyrdom of our soldiers, I was left wondering what was the outcome of the meeting and how did it resonate with the main Opposition Congress and the Left parties. It was then that I remembered our know-all Congress MP Dr. Shashi Tharoor, who wrote the book *'The Paradoxical Prime Minister — Narendra Modi and his India.'* It was published in 2018, one year before the 2019 Parliamentary elections that was won by BJP.

At the end of Chapter 42 of the 500-page book, Tharoor hazards a prediction about Modi's defeat in the 2019 Parliamentary elections with a sense of audacity. He couches his prediction in his own garbled style. Let me use his own words: "Will Prime Minister Modi have the sagacity to make our relationship with the US what it should be, as his Prime Ministerial term lurches towards its inglorious conclusion?"

Well, we know Modi's Prime Ministerial terms marched towards a triumphal victory with greater majority than in his 2014 victory driving the Opposition to their inglorious political limbo. Hope, Shashi Tharoor may not hazard another such ominous prediction about Modi in the next 2024 Parliamentary elections.

Now let me turn to the present and what Shashi Tharoor has written in Chapter 43 titled *"Kowtowing to China?"*

He regrets the fact that though Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping had met on numerous occasions, for all these meetings there did not seem to have been much headway made on the most serious issue confronting the two nations — border conflicts, the trade imbalance and China's growing aggression to fulfill its regional and global aspirations, among others. He mentions about Doklam standoff for months in 2018, Dalai Lama's April 2017 visit to Arunachal Pradesh and its border town of Tawang and how these developments annoyed China.

**He seems to ask a pertinent question: If China could settle its boundary with Myanmar along the McMahon Line, why not with India?**

He says India took a conciliatory approach with China and it was a setback and China has scant regard for India's sensitivities on various issues.

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My humble, layman's feeling is that we should convey this message, nay warning, to China post-haste through diplomatic channels.

And Shashi Tharoor's another counselling too should make sense in the present situation to bring 'Peace for Our Time' (to borrow a phrase from British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain but not with the kind of result Chamberlain got!)

"China can veer away from confrontation towards at least co-existence if not extensive co-operation."

To my mind Shashi Tharoor seems to have had a mystical kind of premonition when he suggested in 2018 a way to bring China to its senses. This is what he wrote:

**"But to pull this off successfully requires... political firmness, military preparedness to discourage any PLA (China's People's Liberation Army) adventurism, hard-headed economic negotiations and skilful diplomacy."**

No more Kowtowing to China. Only a polite *Namaskara,* yes Mr. Shashi Tharoor. But who in the past ignored India's borders with China? I received a *WhatsApp* message where the then Defence Minister A.K. Anthony was telling the Parliament in 2013 that India did not develop any infrastructure or military capability on the border but China did. India did not build roads and airfields. May be, now that India is doing all that under Modi Government, China is annoyed.

***Jai Hind !***

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# Webinars by Amrita

Mysuru, July 8- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus, has organised a Webinar on 'Recent Trends in Commerce and Management' on July 10 at 11 am. Commerce is not just about Accounting. There are many new developments in the field, which have opened up lot more career options for Commerce graduates. This Webinar is focused on giving a glimpse of all the latest trends in Commerce and Management education, such as, professional accounting, social accounting, green accounting, NGO management etc.

Raksha Kuthnikar, an alumna of Amrita Mysuru, a trainer for CA and CS students at Ekcel Academy, Mysuru, is the resource person.

A Webinar on "Let's Talk Photography" will be held on July 12 at 11 am.

One click and that photograph is powerful enough to not only remind us of an event or detail, but can bring all the feelings and sounds of that moment. And what's important is what you see, how you see it through the lens says, Neeta Shankar, Wedding and Lifestyle Photographer, GodoxIndia Official Brand Ambassador, Nikon proficient and one among the Top 20 Women Photographers in India.

Through the webinar, she would throw light on careers with photography besides sharing tips on how to capture better images using DSLR.

For registration links and details, visit Facebook *[https://www.facebook.com/mysuru-campus]* and Instagram *[https://www.instagram.com/amritamysuru/]* pages, according to a press release from Dr. Rekha Bhat, Principal, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus.

# MGP meeting

Mysuru, July 8- The monthly meeting of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) will be held on July 12 at 4 pm. The meeting will be held online because of the lockdown rules.

Dr. Shubha Madhusudhan, Clinical Psychologist, Fortis Hospital, Bengaluru, will interact with the public on 'How to maintain Mental Health during Lockdown.'

Members of the public who are interested in participating in the meeting are requested to send an e-mail to *mygrapa@gmail.com* before 2 pm on July 12.

They will be sent information and link which will enable them to participate in the meeting online. For details, contact Phone: 0821-2515150 or Mob: 94488-55199.

# Virus scare: Entry to parks, stadiums, playgrounds restricted

Mysuru, July 8 (RK&BCT)- Already cooped up most of the day in their homes to fight COVID-19, hundreds of city residents woke up this morning to find themselves deprived of one of the few simple pleasures left: A walk inside sprawling parks in their neighbourhood.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has decided to restrict public movement inside parks, stadiums and playgrounds.

Health authorities have said that too many people were gathering in parks and playgrounds and this in a way was contributing to the rapid rise of virus infection.

In an earlier decision, people had been allowed to walk or jog in parks and playgrounds as long as they kept at least a distance of two to three meters between each other.

But not everyone followed the rules, forcing the MCC to take the decision. Walking has also been banned in water bodies including the famed Kukkarahalli Lake and the Lingambudhi Lake where regular walkers congregate in the mornings and evenings.

The order has been issued by MCC Commissioner that will apply to all parks, water bodies, playgrounds and stadiums within the Corporation limits. The order will be in force till further notice.

While many regular walkers, unaware of the late last evening orders, walked into the parks today, the order will strictly be enforced from today evening. All the park attendees and maintenance staff in parks, stadiums and playgrounds have been instructed not to allow anyone inside the facilities, officers said.

# 61 fresh COVID-19 positive cases in Mysuru

Mysuru, July 8 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru reported 61 fresh COVID-19 positive cases today (July 8) and recorded four deaths yesterday. The total number of deaths has now risen to 12.

According to the State media bulletin released yesterday, the total positives till last evening stood at 530. With 61 fresh cases, the number will go up to 591. Till now, 308 persons have been discharged and till yesterday, there were 210 active cases and the number will go up to 271. These figures have to be however, confirmed by Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar in his daily evening media bulletin.

Today's cases have been reported from Rajivnagar, Surya Layout in Srirampura, New Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal, Shanthinagar, Azad Nagar, Maruti Layout, CHC Jayanagar, Kuvempunagar, Azzez Sait Main Road in Shanthinagar, Gayathripuram, Jockey Quarters, Jyothinagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Jayadevanagar on KRS Road, Raghavendranagar, Kalyanagirinagar, New Street Hinkal, MMC under-graduate hostel, Anandanagar, V.V. Mohalla, Bannimantap, KSRTC Depot Bannimantap and near Jaganmohan Palace.

Also, cases have been reported from Second Main Bannimantap, Rajkumar Road, Bamboo Bazaar, Jalapuri Police Quarters, Dattagalli, Sharadadevinagar, Kuvempunagar First Stage, C Layout Bannimantap, Park Road Lashkar Mohalla, High Tension Double Road in Vijayanagar Second Stage, Siddhartha Layout and Vasu Layout in Ramakrishnanagar.

# MCC Main Office to open for public from tomorrow

Mysuru, July 8 (PM&SD) - The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road, which had been temporarily shut down yesterday and today, will be functioning from tomorrow.

The city's Civic Body was sealed down yesterday morning after an employee of the Health Section was tested positive. Following seal down, the entire office premises and surroundings were sanitised, fumigated and disinfected and all the employees were asked to undergo throat swab tests immediately.

Also, as a precautionary measure, all those working in the Health Section, including doctors and other medical staff, were home quarantined. As a result, the MCC Office wore a deserted look today.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MCC Health Officer Dr. B. Nagaraj said, "We have sanitised the whole MCC Office and its surroundings. The office will remain closed today also as a precautionary measure, but from tomorrow, it will be opened and functioning normally. Meanwhile, all 18 staff members of MCC who were working in the Health Section have been asked to get home quarantined."

"For today, the MCC officials have asked people to call the MCC Control Room for any issues, but from tomorrow, office will be open for public," he said.

## Eye screening

Mysuru, July 8- Annapoorna Eye Hospital, Hootagalli branch, has organised an eye screening for cataract identification and other vision problems at its premises from July 9 to 16 between 10 am and 6 pm. For details, contact Hospital Manager Vinod Nair (88844-88262).

# City Court complexes closed for two days

## Health Department staff undertake disinfection of both buildings

Mysuru, July 8 (RK&KS)- The old and new Law Court complexes in city will remain closed for two days as the Health Department staff are undertaking spraying of disinfectant as one of the advocates has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The District Judge had sought permission from the High Court for the closure of both buildings and as the High Court had given its nod, the Law Courts complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard and at Malalavadi will remain closed today and tomorrow.

Following a request by the Judge to the District Health Officer (DHO) for disinfection, the staff of the Health Department undertook spraying of disinfectant to both the Court complexes and its surroundings this morning.

# KRS water level touches 100 ft.

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"It has been raining well after the Dam touched 100 feet in August second week last year. As a result, the water level did not see a dip beyond 92 feet. We were prepared for the inflow and had kept the sluice gates ready. We utilised the lockdown time to well-oil and maintain the gates," officials added.

The KRS Dam has 173 crest gates when it was built in 1932. But over the passage of time, there were water leaks in the Dam, despite regular maintenance of crest gates. "There is a dedicated team to maintain and keep the gates ready either to receive more water or to discharge water. We have had no visitors since March following the lockdown. We utilised the time and resources to completely clean the gates. Leakages have been plugged and the Dam can safely store water," they added.

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### Portion of caved-in road posing danger at Vijayanagar

*A portion of the road that has caved-in near the BSNL Office in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage is posing danger to the public especially motorists during dark. Though stones are placed around the caved-in portion to warn motorists, it is not a permanent solution to the problem. Authorities concerned are urged to get the road repaired at the earliest before any fatal accidents take place.*

### Plea to asphalt road at Police Layout

*The 10th Cross of the 1st 'B' Main Road of Police Layout 2nd Stage is in a pathetic state which needs to be asphalted. Following recent rains, the jelly stones laid for the road have moved due to the force of rainwater and plants have begun to grow on the road. Residents allege that their vehicles come for untimely maintenance and repairs as they ply on the so called road. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road asphalted for the benefit of the residents of the locality.*

### A garbage dumping spot on Dewan's Road

*Garbage is being dumped regularly at the junction of Bidaram Krishnappa Road and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan on Dewan's Road making the place a garbage dumping spot. A resident of Devaraja Mohalla, who has sent the photo, alleged that though Pourakarmikas clean the place everyday, shopkeepers in the surroundings dump plastic and other waste materials later, which gets scattered on the road by next day morning. Also, the plastic waste is being consumed by stray cattle along with other waste which is injurious to them. Authorities concerned are urged to install a garbage bin at the spot with instructions to dump garbage inside the bin.*

# SWR adopts modern technology to cut time for renewal rails

## in Pit Lines at Mysuru Railway Station Yard

*South Western Railway (SWR) Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Aparna Garg, on July 4, inspected the ongoing works along with Senior Mechanical Engineer and Assistant Civil Engineer responsible for execution of this work.*

Mysuru, July 8- Limited passenger train services due to pandemic, presented yet another excellent opportunity to South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, to fast track critical infrastructure up gradation work. Taking advantage of this, Mysuru Division has undertaken work of repairs to the pit line no.1 and 3 along with rail renewal.

These pit lines were constructed during 1993-94 with class-II rails. Over the years, rails needed replacement due to heavy corrosion. Most of the bearing plates were also damaged /broken .

Initially, it was planned to execute the work by dismantling the top 30 cm layer of concrete using jack hammers. Breaking of concrete using jack hammers would result in uneven breaking of concrete as well as development of micro cracks in the bottom layer due to heavy vibrations and reduces the residual life of old concrete.

Manual method of cutting is also time consuming and cumbersome process. Hence, it was decided to use the diamond rope-saw cutting technology.

By using this, Division hopes to complete this work of 3.58 km length in 60 days saving one month.

The ongoing works were inspected by DRM Aparna Garg on July 4 along with Senior Mechanical Engineer and Assistant Civil Engineer responsible for execution of this work.

Social distancing along with other work site precautions as per COVID-19 protocol is being followed, according to a press release from SWR.

### Advantage of diamond cutting technology

The diamond tipped rope will cut the top 30cm layer of concrete in limited time and will not damage the concrete below the top layer with no sound pollution. Removal of broken concrete blocks is also simpler.

# CIPET extends last date to apply for JEE

Mysuru, July 8- Central Institute of Petrochemicals/Plastics Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Mysuru, has extended the last date for online applications for JEE 2020 for Job-oriented Diploma courses, up to July 31. Examination will be held on Aug. 5, 2020.

CIPET Mysuru conducts various AICTE approved Job-oriented Diploma courses/ programmes in various disciplines of Polymer/ Plastics Engineering & Technology. The Courses offered are Diploma in Plastics Mould Technology (DPMT), Diploma in Plastics Technology (DPT) and Post Graduate Diploma in Plastics Processing & Testing (PGD-PPT).

The last date has been extended due to COVID-19 lockdown and also as per the Government of India guidelines for the benefit of students of Karnataka who have appeared/ passed SSLC, PUC (Science) and BSc.

Eligible students can apply online on *http://eadmission.cipet.gov.in* or visit CIPET, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru - 570016.

For details, contact Mob: 94802-53024 or 91410-75968, according to a press release from the Director & Head, CIPET, Mysuru.

**In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka speaks about everything related to pregnancy in a cat**

# Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

***What are the signs that a cat is pregnant?***

• **Nipples swell and become rosier in colour:** This may be the first visual sign you will see in a pregnant cat.

• **Cat's appetite increases:** A pregnant cat will show an increased interest in food.

• **Weight gain:** Most pregnant cats will gain about 900 to 1,800 grams of body weight over the course of pregnancy.

• **Possible vomiting:** Pregnant queens may be subject to a few bouts of "morning sickness," much as human mothers-to-be. This is not necessarily a reason to worry unless they go on for too long.

• **Abdominal enlargement:** Sometime around the fifth week of pregnancy, a pregnant cat's abdomen will start to swell noticeably. It will continue to enlarge until time for birthing.

***What are some of the signs that a pregnant cat is going into labour?***

• **Behavioural changes:** These include restless pacing, panting, excessive grooming (especially in the area of her genitals), and excessive vocalisation.

• **Physical signs of labour:** There may be a drop in normal body temperature. The cat may vomit. The abdomen may "drop" a few days before labour, and the nipples may become larger and pinker.

• **Active labour:** Contractions will start, and you will see the appearance of the amniotic sac. You may also see a discharge of blood or other coloured fluid.

***How soon can a cat go into heat after giving birth?***

Most cats will have an oestrus cycle (heat cycle) within six to eight weeks after giving birth. On rare occasions, a cat will have an oestrus cycle within a week after her kittens were born. She may still be nursing and in heat at the same time.

Oestrus is described as the period of receptivity to mating and is linked with the production of oestradiol (a type of oestrogen) produced by ovarian follicles. It is not to be confused with menstruation in human females, and you will rarely, if ever, see any signs of blood, although occasional mucous discharge may be evident.

***What is the gestation period of a cat?***

A queen's or a pregnant cat's gestation period typically runs from 57 to 69 days, with the average of about nine weeks. By the time you notice she is pregnant, she'll likely be at least three weeks in. By six weeks pregnant, it becomes more apparent.

***How many litters can a cat birth in one year?***

A cat's gestation period is roughly 2 months, making it possible for her to birth as many as five litters a year.

***How can I stop my neutered cat from humping?***

Humping behaviour is normal for whole (sexually intact) male cats. Even after castration surgery, it takes time for the hormones to leave the body, and it's not unusual for mounting to continue for at least a few weeks if not longer. Urinary tract infections also seem to lead to humping behaviour in some cats. Cat humping can be related to stress and anxiety. This is most likely when something has recently changed in the cat's environment, like the addition of a new family member, a move, or even a neighbourhood cat that can be seen from a window. Boredom is another cause of humping in cats.

***Are cats sexually active after spay-neutering?***

The timing of the castration surgery is an important factor in his sexual urges after neutering. It is not at all unusual to see neutered cats attempting to "hump" other cats, either male or female. This behaviour may not be sexually related at all but may be simply a matter of assuming seniority. This is more likely to happen with male cats who have been neutered well after developing their gonads.

***Do indoor cats necessarily need to be spayed?***

An indoor cat may, at some point in her life, end up escaping accidentally outside. Not being spayed/neutered will attract tomcats to her and she won't be able to defend herself. Plus, she might get pregnant.

Neutering a cat reduces chances of certain kinds of cancer. Female cats go into heat once a month, during which time they yowl and cry incessantly and search for mates. If they're neutered, they don't have to go through that.

***Should I get my female cat spayed or my male cat neutered?***

Get the male done first, since the recovery time is faster and it's cheaper, and if he isn't spraying your house yet, he will soon. Then get the female. But get them both done, not one or the other.

***What is the best time to get cats spayed?***

Whether male or female, you can get your cat sterilised around puberty. For queens and toms, this is at six to seven months old. But make sure your vet is experienced as this is much more difficult than dog operations.

***Why do cats expose their tummy?***

Cats sometimes roll onto their backs to get into a defensive position. This way they can attack whomever or whatever threatens them with both teeth and the claws of all four paws. Cats who are in defence mode when on their backs will also display other signs of aggression, such as holding their ears back against their heads, hissing and even growling.

If your cat is not spayed, rolling over could be an instinctive mating behaviour. Unspayed females who are ready to mate will often roll from "affection" or frustration.

***How many times a day should you feed your cat?***

There is no quick and easy answer to the frequency with which a cat should be fed, as the age and relative health of your cat, how many cats you have, your own home environment, as well as the type of food you feed, will all play a large part in how you handle feeding. For example, a stay-at-home caregiver will be able to feed food to kittens or geriatric cats several times a day. On the other hand, a single, working owner, or a two-income family, will rely more on dry cat food, with early morning and late-night supplements of wet food.

***Which is better, wet or dry food for cats?***

Wet food is beneficial for cats because it provides moisture. Cats in the wild get most of their water from the prey they consume, with little or no need for drinking it on the side. In fact, cats have evolved with a very low thirst drive as compared with other species. When eating an all-dry diet, their water intake easily falls short of their actual needs, allowing them to become dehydrated and more prone to kidney disease and urinary tract problems.

***Why is my cat rolling around on its back?***

When you see your cat drop to the ground and roll on its back, your pet's posture can tell you something. Sometimes this is accompanied by rubbing its head against the floor while meowing. It's possible your cat has an out-of-the-way itch or just wants a good stretch, but this movement is often a positive signal from your cat. The rolling over motion typically signals the cat feels safe and maybe wants some attention from you. In fact, a cat rolls over on its back when it's at its most relaxed state. When cats roll over, it usually is more of a solicitation for attention than submission.

There may be other reasons why your cat is rolling around on the ground. Since cats have a higher body temperature, they'll likely sunbathe or sleep near a heater. Because of this, cats may easily get overwhelmed by the sensation and need to cool down. This includes drinking a lot of water, resting in cool places, and rubbing on cool floors. Your cat could also be protecting its digestive system by rolling around in the dirt, coating its fur with bacteria, and ingesting it by licking its coat.

***Why is my cat licking his swollen paw?***

Soft tissue swelling could mean a few things: insect bite or sting, infection, an abscess, or blunt tissue damage. Bee stings can produce a huge swelling very quickly but aren't usually too painful. (Cats are generally more prone to getting insect bites/ stings on their paws from batting at bugs). This is an allergic type of reaction and, if it doesn't get infected, the swelling will go down in 24 hours or less. Your veterinarian can administer or recommend medications to help reduce swelling and stop the allergic reaction.

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## WORD OF THE DAY

### Capricious

**Pronunciation:** kuh-PRISH-us.
**Meaning:** Governed or characterised by caprice : impulsive, unpredictable.
**Origin:** The noun caprice, which first appeared in English in the mid-17th century, is a synonym of whim. Evidence shows that the adjective capricious debuted before caprice; both words are believed to derive, via French, from Italian capriccio, which originally referred not to a sudden desire but to a sudden shudder of fear. The origin of capriccio is uncertain, but the going theory has a certain charm. Capriccio is thought to perhaps be a compounding of Italian capo, meaning "head," and riccio, meaning "hedgehog," The image evoked in this "hedgehog head" mashup is of someone shuddering in fear to such a degree that their hair stands on end, like the spines of a hedgehog.
**Example:** "Like all great children's writers, [Jacqueline] Wilson and [E.] Nesbit understood how strange and capricious children could be...." — Guy Lodge.

## THE ODD WORD

### Cachalot

Sperm whale.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### You can't see the wood for the trees

**Meaning:** By focussing on detail you lose perspective and miss what is important.
**Origin:** This proverbial saying is first found in Sir Thomas More's Confutacion of Tyndals Answere, 1533, in which More argued the case against the English cleric Robert Barnes, who he considered to be a heretic:
And as he myght tell vs, that of Poules chyrch we may well se the stones, but we can not se the chyrce. And then we may well tell hym agayne, that he can not se the wood for the trees. [Original Middle English text]
He might tell us that of Paul's Church we may well see the stones, but we cannot see the church. And then we may well tell him again that he cannot see the wood for the trees. [Modern translation]
John Heywood included the saying in his 1546 glossary A dialogue conteinyng the nomber in effect of all the prouerbes in the englishe tongue:
An olde saied sawe, itche and ease, can no man please.
Plentie is no deyntie [dainty]. ye see not your owne ease.
I see, ye can not see the wood for trees.
Heywood's meaning is that, by having so many good things, people can miss the fact that life as a whole is good. In more recent times people might be advised not to worry about detail when life in general is good by being told that their concerns are "First-world problems" or, in Australia, they might be told "Don't sweat the small stuff".

## QUOTE BOX

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.— **Martin Luther**

## RIDDLE THIS

What question can you never answer yes to?

*Answer: Are you asleep yet?*

## SUDOKU

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Cyst
4 Bivouac or barrack?
8 Ring Laser Gyro
11 Poetically contracted form of "earlier"
12 Tread __ __ : feel elated? (2,3)
14 Source of Arab wealth?
15 Donkey or onager
16 Attract attention by an elbow-prod?
17 The female reproductive cells of mammals
18 Replace an informative attachment
20 Indicated or identified
22 To court
24 A container or a carton
25 Swindle or make a fool of
28 Firmament overhead?
30 English painter
34 Old time classic movie Alam ___
35 Above ground level
36 United Arab Emirates, in short
37 Semi-transparent mineral used in insulations
39 Bus. degree
40 Indian city
41 Aunt in Spanish
43 Head covering
45 A metal pin use as a fastener
48 Distasteful
52 Wood sorrel
53 Youngster
57 Self-esteem
58 A rocky pinnacle
59 City in Vietnam
60 Clear the ___ : remove suspicion, tension etc.
61 This, that or the other
62 A predatory seabird
63 Seller-Furnished Equip.

**DOWN:**
1 ___ and tear : damage caused in daily use?
2 Gaelic dialect of the Scottish Highlands
3 Where birds lay
4 World's deepest river
5 Music director Malik
6 Wildly foolish; wildly excited or infatuated
7 A domestic hog
8 Part of house with four walls and a roof?
9 Not pre-recorded
10 Pleased; happy
13 "Er, no" changes required for divorce city?
19 Great respect
21 A tree could be chopped down with one
23 9/11 mastermind
24 Subsidiary rule
25 Built to hold back water
26 Mentalist Geller
27 Political Action Comm.
29 Soviet secret police
31 Pull at the towing vessel
32 A man who serves as a sailor
33 Affirmative reply
38 Had a meal
40 Chief of a Moslem sect
42 Irritation
44 Our country
45 A list of duties
46 Revered figure
47 Change or diverge
49 Large water bodies
50 Acronym heralding weekend
51 Time past
54 Owns
55 Writing fluid
56 Bud's movie partner

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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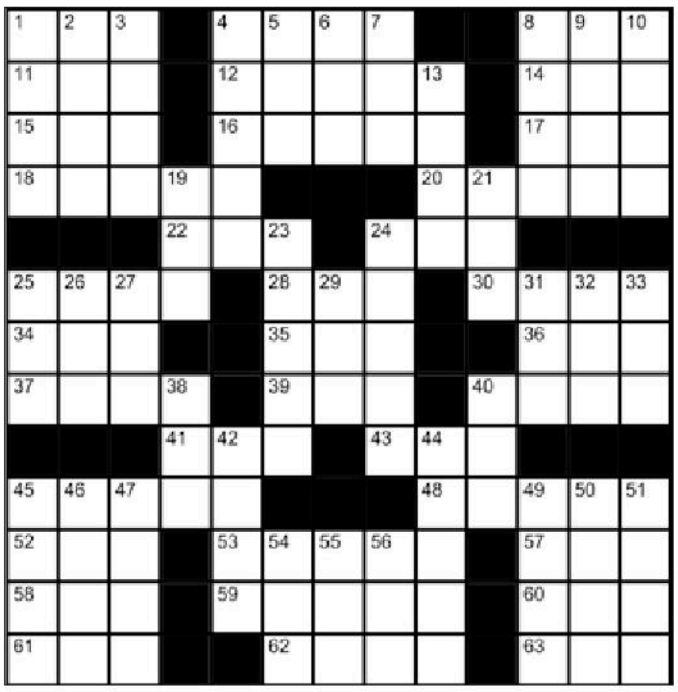

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**WNGJB EM PCIPVM ZPMTF JH P GJFEXNG JY SBNSW.**

**WPLT VJN TLTB WTPBF P AJQT PZJNS P YPSWTB-EH-CPI?**

**TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS U**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** College isn't the place to go for ideas.

# 'Will resign en masse if salaries not hiked'

## K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals' Staff Nurses register protest by wearing black arm bands while on duty

Mysuru, July 8 (RKB&KS)- About 150 Staff Nurses of K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital, who were protesting since two days for hike in their stipend, resumed work by wearing black arm bands this morning.

B. Ravi, one of the Staff Nurses, said that there are nearly 150 nurses who are working since 10 years for Rs. 10,000 stipend without job security and added that they are not being provided with insurance despite being involved in COVID treatment.

Pointing out that they had not worked for two months due to lack of transportation facility during COVID lockdown, he urged that the two month stipend be given to them and consider them as contract nurses instead of stipend nurses. He further said that they would be wearing black arm bands to register their protest and work for three days (till July 10) and everyone would resign on July 11, if their demands were not considered.

Staff Nurses Mahesh, Murali, Santosh, Ramakrishna, Padma, Sundaramma, Sarala, Bhagya and others were present.

# Contract doctors' services to be regularised: Minister

*Sriramulu*

Bengaluru, July 8 (KMS & BCT)- The State Government will take up the issue of regularisation of services of 600 contract doctors during the next Cabinet meeting, said Health Minister B. Sriramulu.

Salaries of the doctors on contract were recently raised to Rs. 60,000 from Rs. 45,000 after they threatened to quit. The doctors, who met Sriramulu to submit their resignations, agreed to resume work after the Minister assured them on Tuesday that the issue had been discussed with the CM and that it would be taken up at the next Cabinet meeting. Contract doctors had two primary demands — that their pay is increased and are made permanent. However, their other major demand of being made permanent was left unaddressed.

"Contract doctors who are protesting demanding that their services be made permanent need not worry. In 2008-09, during my previous stint as the Health Minister, 1,944 contract doctors were made permanent. The Chief Minister has agreed to make 600 of these doctors permanent. The decision will be taken after a meeting with contract doctors," Sriramulu said.

On the issue of ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists) and anganwadi workers also being discontent, he urged the workers not to quit service and assured that their demands will also be met. The Minister appealed to ASHA workers not to go on strike and promised to look into their demands.

ASHA workers, who are on the frontlines of the fight against COVID-19, have threatened to boycott work as their demands have not been met by the Government. They have been demanding that they are paid Rs. 12,000 each month. They are currently paid around Rs. 4,000.

"ASHA and anganwadi workers have been doing an excellent job as Corona warriors. I thank them for their services and request them not to protest. I assure them I will discuss their issues with the CM. They should not go on strike," he said.

# State Health Department warns Private Labs

## against commercial exploitation over COVID tests

Mysuru, July 8 - The State Health Department officials have warned the private diagnostic laboratories against commercially exploiting the general public while conducting COVID-19 tests.

Following reports of large scale violation by private labs while charging Coronavirus testing fee, State Health Department officials have issued a warning stating that if private laboratories charge more than the prescribed limit, the Government will initiate legal action against them. This warning issued by the Government officials comes in the wake of complaints that private labs are charging exorbitant prices for testing which is much higher than prescribed amount of Rs. 4,500 set up by the State Government.

# New era for cricket

## as England-West Indies Test series begins

Britain, July 8- International sport finally returns to Britain today when England plays the West Indies in the world's first cricket test match since the start of March because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

It's clear the match being staged at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton is about much more than just cricket.

A smoothly run test series, played in a strict isolated environment featuring repeated COVID-19 testing and social distancing, can lay the blueprint for future matches and tours in cricket but also events in other sports targeting a resumption.

"If you get one thing wrong, it might blow this whole 'getting sport back onto the radar' further back," England stand-in captain Ben Stokes said on Tuesday in his eve-of-game news conference.

Stokes also spoke about the "responsibility on our shoulders" to deliver a "massive occasion" for TV viewers who have been without international cricket for four months.

"I know everyone has been craving this from a player's point of view," he said, "but also I think from a spectator's and fan's point of view."

And then there's the message England and the West Indies players want to send about equality in sport and society in general in the wake of the Black Lives Matter movement.

A BLM logo will be on the collar of the test shirts worn by players from both teams and there is set to be a "gesture" made by the teams before the game.

West Indies players have said the movement is a source of motivation on this tour.

"Not only has this been a period for us getting ready for a test match," Stokes said, "it has also been great for us to have educational chats as a team around this and it has been really beneficial for a lot of our members. I feel as a team we have an opportunity to send a real powerful message and I am really excited as an individual, and the team is really excited, that we are able to be a part of that."

Cricket's oldest format kicks off a very new era for the sport. One where there are no spectators at matches, one-way systems inside venues to maintain distancing, twice-weekly testing for Coronavirus, and players not allowed out of their hotels.

Players from the two teams will come into vaguely close contact with each other only on the field of play.

TV viewers will have the choice of adding a so-called "Lord's hum" during coverage, but there will be no artificial crowd noise in the ground or music between overs, ensuring an eerie silence once the match begins except for selective announcements over the public address system about things such as milestones or bowling changes.

The big screens around the venue will show key highlights, DRS and sponsor messages.

The West Indies squad has been here since June 9 in order that the players could first quarantine at Manchester's Old Trafford ground and then practise there in lockdown conditions. They had two intra-squad matches - England has had only one - before the squad travelled to Southampton for the match.

"We're about to show that other places can start putting things together," West Indies coach Phil Simmons said. "The England and Wales Cricket Board have to be commended for all the work they have done to get the series on the road and let's see what other countries take from it." Simmons has had to self-isolate in his hotel room for a period after leaving camp to attend his father-in-law's funeral last week.

England's buildup has been interrupted, too, by captain Joe Root having to leave camp to be at the birth of his second child. He will not feature in the first of three tests, meaning Stokes has the captaincy for the first time. The other two Tests take place in Manchester, starting July 16 and 24.

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